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International application No. PCT/JP2005/000391	International filing date (day/month/year) 14 January 2005 (14.01.2005)
Applicant HOSHIZAKI DENKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA et al	

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International application No. PCT/JP2005/000391	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 14 January 2005 (14.01.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 February 2004 (18.02.2004)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant HOSHIZAKI DENKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language

_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under

Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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a sequence listing

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table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

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in written format

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in computer readable form

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contained in the international application as filed.

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3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

1. ☐ In response to the invitation (Form PCT/ISA/206) to pay additional fees the applicant has:
- ☐ paid additional fees
 - ☐ paid additional fees under protest
 - ☐ not paid additional fees
2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose not to invite the applicant to pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
- ☐ complied with
 - ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:

After conducting a search, because the document (JP 54-11751 A) discloses a dish washing machine comprising a washing water flow tube connected to a washing nozzle and a washing water discharge outlet, and a rinsing water flow tube disposed in the washing water flow tube that is connected to a rinsing nozzle and a rinsing water discharge outlet, the "special technical feature" of the invention of claim 1 appears to be detachably connecting a connection tube in a washing water tank, which means that there is no "special technical feature" in the invention of claim 5. These inventions lack a technical relationship involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features, and therefore, this examination finds that these are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

Consequently, between the groups of inventions formed of claims 1-4 and of claims 5 and 6, no technical relationship described in PCT Rule 13.2 can be found; thus these groups of inventions do not satisfy the requirement for unity.

Furthermore, this international searching authority has determined that the requirement for unity of invention was not satisfied; an international search was conducted on all claims.

4. Consequently, this opinion has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:
- ☒ all parts
 - ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	YES
	Claims	5	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 54-11751 Y2 (Japan Electronic Control Systems Co., Ltd.) 25 May 1979, Full text; Fig. 2 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 4-40931 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.) 12 February 1992, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 017951/1980 (Laid-open No. 120148/1981) (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd., Tokyo Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.) 12 September 1981, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

Because the invention of claim 5 is disclosed in document 1 cited in the ISR, it does not appear to be novel. Document 1 discloses a dish washing machine comprising a washing water flow tube connected to a washing nozzle and a washing water discharge outlet, and a rinsing water flow tube disposed inside of the washing water flow tube that is connected to a rinsing nozzle and a rinsing water discharge outlet.

The inventions of claims 1-3 and 6 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-3 cited in the ISR. Documents 2 and 3 disclose detachably connecting a flow tube to a connection tube in a washing chamber, and thus detachably connecting the flow tube of a dish washing machine of document 1 to the connection tube would be easy for a party skilled in the art.

The invention of claim 4 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-3 cited in the ISR. Document 1 discloses a casing accommodating an impeller and making this casing detachable would be easy for a party skilled in the art.